

RETURN No. 17—*continued.*STATEMENT of STORES CONTRACTS CURRENT, &c.—*continued.*

Service.	Period.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.
Christchurch—			
General ironmongery ..	2½ years, to 31/3/1900	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. ..	As per schedule.
Furnishing ironmongery ..	Ditto ..	" ..	"
Iron and steel ..	" ..	J. Anderson ..	"
Oils, colours, &c. ..	" ..	E. Reece and Sons ..	"
Ship-chandlery ..	" ..	" ..	"
Drain-pipes ..	" ..	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. ..	"
Lime, ordinary ..	" ..	J. J. Craig ..	"
Cement, colonial ..	" ..	Ashby, Bergh, and Co. ..	"
Brushware ..	" ..	" ..	"
Leather, &c. ..	" ..	" ..	"
Dunedin—			
General ironmongery ..	" ..	New Zealand Hardware Company ..	"
Furnishing ironmongery ..	" ..	Thomson, Bridger, and Co. ..	"
Iron and steel ..	" ..	New Zealand Hardware Company ..	"
Oils, colours, &c. ..	" ..	Smith and Smith ..	"
Ship-chandlery ..	" ..	New Zealand Hardware Company ..	"
Drain-pipes ..	" ..	A. Briscoe and Co. ..	"
Lime, ordinary ..	" ..	Milburn Lime Company ..	"
Cement, colonial ..	" ..	" ..	"
Brushware ..	" ..	A. Briscoe and Co. ..	"
Leather, &c. ..	" ..	New Zealand Hardware Company ..	"

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